

VALE SUMMIT METHODIST CHURCH

AL-VI-B-056

Route 55, Vale Summit  
1889

The Vale Summit Methodist Church is a small, single story, rectangular frame building with a small louvered belfry. It was constructed in 1889 to serve the growing needs of the Vale Summit mining community.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Vale Summit Methodist Church

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route 55

CITY, TOWN

Vale Summit

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☒ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Vale Summit Methodist Congregation

Telephone #: 689-6581

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route 1

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

21532

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

AL-V-B-056

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Vale Summit Methodist Church is located on the south side of Route 55 near its junction with the Loartown Road in Vale Summit, Allegany County.

The Vale Summit Methodist Church is a single story, one bay wide rectangular block. The building is of frame construction and has been covered with weatherboard. It rests on a high, replaced block foundation with a plain water table. Two steeply gabled additions abut the main block on the north and south sides. The roof is gabled with a soffit and is covered with asphalt shingles. Four large stained glass windows with cornices are located on the east and west sides of the church. A single "Gothic" sash window with a Keystone is located above the main door. The main entrance is located on the north side of the building in the gable-roofed addition and features a replaced door with a broken pediment and a stained glass transom light. The roofline is topped by an original, corbeled brick, outside end chimney and a small louvered belfry.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1889

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Vale Summit Methodist Church was constructed in 1889.<sup>1</sup> The congregation had been organized under the direction of John Fatkin that same year. The construction of the church was undoubtedly undertaken to meet the growing demands of the mining community of Vale Summit. In addition, Methodism was one of the most popular religions among the miners. "Methodism had spread rapidly among English miners during the 19th century and had brought them much in return including free education for their children, improved living and working conditions and training in leadership."<sup>2</sup>

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1 "Heritage Press", Vol. 1, No. 10, August 1972, p. 4

2 Harvey, Katherine A., The Best Dressed Miners, (Ithaca, N. Y.: Cornell University Press, 1969) p. 116

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.19 acres

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin & Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

1/3/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. A1-V1-B-056

450/819

DATE: 12/15/76

2.19 Acres

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minorNAME OF PROPERTY: Vale Summit Methodist ChurchLOCATION OF PROPERTY: Rt 55 Vale SummitDIRECTION DWELLING FACES: NorthNAME OF OWNER: Vale Summit Meth Cong. 689-6581ADDRESS: Rt. 1Frostburg, MD 21532STORIES: 1(☒) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )WINGS, ADDITIONS: Front Gabled Add 2 Bay Wide 4 Long  
Rear Gabled AddDwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular) Lowered Tower

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- (☒) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)  
( ) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
( ) STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
( ) LOG  
( ) Other: Coverings

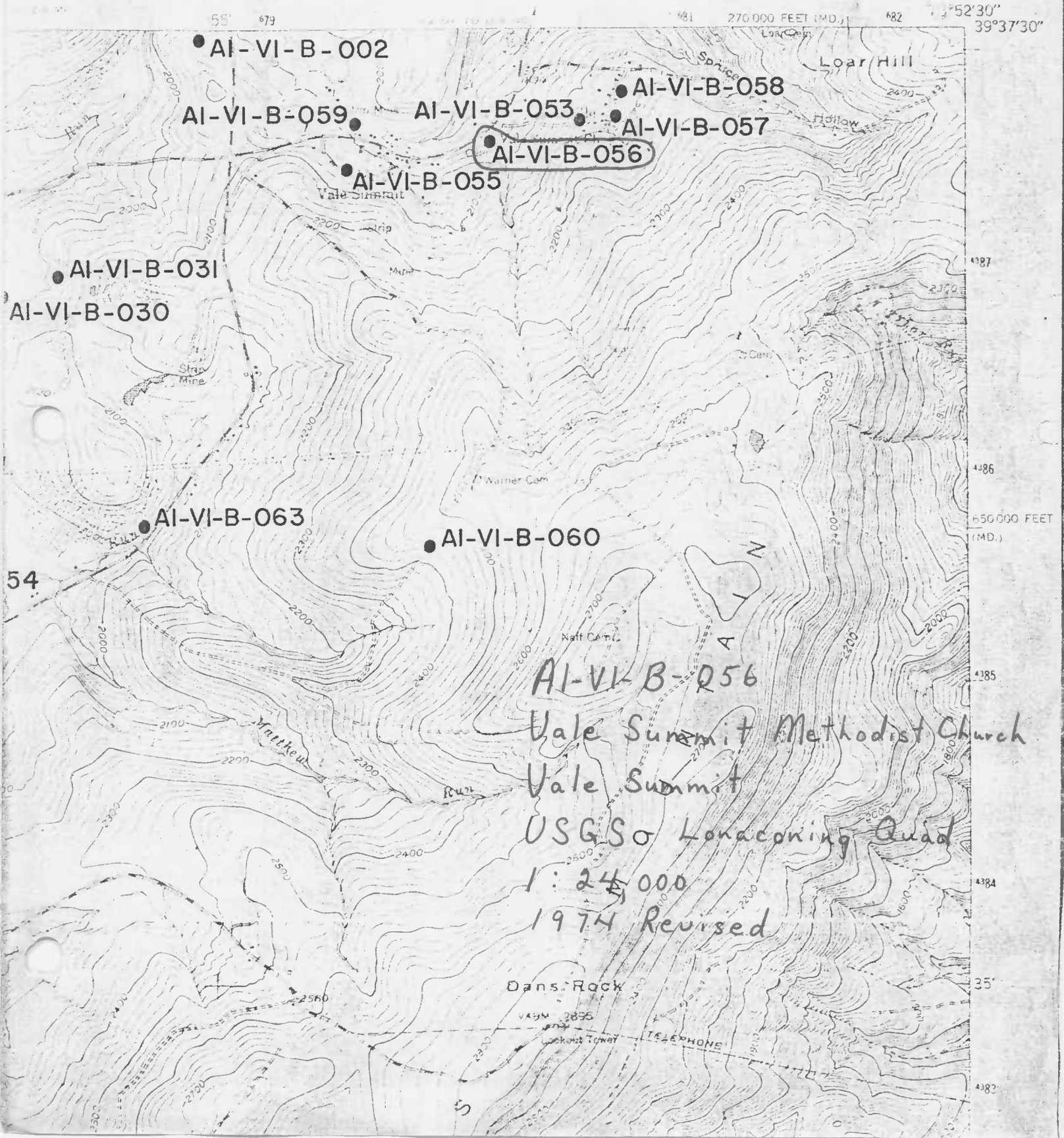
WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS PlainFOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE BlockWATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICKWINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2( ) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )  
Stained Glass pegged( ) nailed( ) wide( ) narrow( ) mitred( ) pediment (☒)  
Gothic Window in FrontENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: North  
HARDWARE: original( ) replaced(☒)  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN Transom Light Stained  
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal BoardsCORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)  
original(☒) replaced( ) Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,  
ArchitraveROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, HANGARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced(☒)PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable(☒)CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK(☒) STONE( ) CORBELLED(☒) original(☒) replaced( )  
LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end(☒) Central( ) Interior( )ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - church  
Significance - Arch Religion  
Date Constructed - 1889  
Condition - Good

LONACONING QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND-WEST VIRGINIA  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)  
SW 1/4 FROSTBURG 15 QUADRANGLE

5563 111.15  
(CUMBERLAND)







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METHODIST CHURCH, Vale Summit

FIGURE 72.



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Vals Summit Methodist Church

Rt. 55

Vals Summit

12/15/76

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Southwest